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ADDENDUM #1

INVITATION FOR BID #12-89

NPS – METCO SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: **Answer the following Questions:**

Q1. Are the Cameras the same?

A1. No, we are now asking for 3 cameras to purchase as described within the project manual. In addition, our current vendor has 2 cameras that our METCO program already owns and is being used by our current vendor. We are asking that all 5 (3 new and 2 existing) cameras be installed and maintained on the METCO secondary buses.

Q2. Criteria is very specific for buses and not all bus companies have the particular criteria required. Can First Student supply the required buses?

A2. Yes, any vendor that currently owns this type of bus as described within the project manual can sell or lease buses to any transportation vendor.

Q3. Storage yards contiguous in close proximity to Newton means what?

A3. The storage yard that houses our METCO buses must be located in Newton or in a surrounding town or city that borders Newton.

Q4. Will CPS be required in every bus?

A4. Yes, all buses will need to have a CPS tracking system on board.

Q5. Is the prevailing wage rate in Newton going to be \$24.58?

A5. Yes, the City has confirmed with both the Department of Labor Standards General Counsel, Patricia A. DeAngelis, and with Steve Falcone of the Mass. Prevailing Wage Program that the above prevailing wage rate is the official rate applicable in Newton for METCO School Bus Transportation Services.

All other terms and conditions of this bid remain unchanged.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM ON YOUR BID FORM.

Thank you.

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